

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
December 7, 2017**

Location: First United Methodist Church

201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 29

Committee members: 11

Groups represented: 12

Guests/Alt GSRs: 6

New GSRs present:

Anniversaries:

Officers Reports:

DCM Report: Laura M. DCM, Kelly B. Alt DCM

November 17th I traveled to Springfield IL, with Carol H. to attend the East Central Regional Forum. I thank the members of District 11 who helped make this trip possible. This is one of the largest gatherings of trusted servants in our general geographic area attended by delegates from many areas, and folks from the General Service Board. Many people come together to make up the body that binds all of AA together. It is mind boggling the number of volunteer hours it takes to ensure AA remains served and the fellowship continues as we know it today.

I marveled at the table containing many AA Big Books in languages from all over the globe. AA everywhere, even in countries that don't allow drinking! However, the most compelling of these published volumes is the one produced by the women of Ghana, into the language of Twi. This is a story of determination and perseverance. Where there are two alcoholics there is the potential for a flourishing recovery effort.

The first speaker of Saturday morning delivered a speech about atheists in AA. There are many people in AA who do not have a god and for the first time I felt included and welcomed in spite of my nonbelief. The panel 67 Delegate from Area 33 in Southeast Michigan spoke eloquently and the notion that we are an all-inclusive group with one primary purpose was clear.

I attended a few breakout sessions, the one that inspired me the most was the corrections session. I have been considering where I will serve after this month's meeting is over and Kelly B. takes the wheel. Emily's ever present energy and commitment to service work inspired me last month. I admire anyone who does the work of corrections and helping those most in need. But the corrections workshop and the burning desire Emily has to help in this capacity have compelled me to volunteer in the McHenry county jail as well. I'm leaving the position of DCM for District 11 to be a member among members. Thank you all for your support in everything you do. It has been an honor.

Yours in service,

Laura M.

DCM District 11

Alt DCM Report

I attended the East Central Regional Forum from November 17th to 19th in Springfield, IL. This was the first forum I attended and was very grateful for getting to have a new experience participating in this event. During the forum multiple trustees from our General Service Board, along with delegates from other areas, gave

presentations and answered questions through sharing sessions. There was a lot of interesting information shared and I enjoyed being able to put faces to some of the individuals serving Alcoholics Anonymous on our General Service Board. It was also interesting to meet some of our class A trustees who are non-alcoholics and are of great service to our fellowship for fun and for free.

One of the presentations I found the most interesting was by the trustee at large for Canada. As a trustee at large, he shared his experience travelling to different countries and witnessing the lengths members of Alcoholics Anonymous go to. Some of these stories included how Uganda has 50 members and a total of 4 meetings within the country, how the Cuban government does not recognize AA and that barriers it creates, how there are general service offices that have a total budget of \$3000, and how members from Nicaragua travelled a total of 4 days on a bus to get to a conference. It reminded me of how easy AA has become for us and how our contributions to the General Service Office has a spiritual connection that reaches alcoholics everywhere.

Throughout the forum there were sharing sessions, where members could make comments or ask questions to the members of the General Service Board about whatever they would like. During these sharing sessions, the manuscript litigation was a common topic. Many questions were asked, and concerns were voiced by members. The general response by the trustees was that the questions could not be answered due to the litigation being ongoing, but the concerns being voiced were heard. Since the time of the forum, AAWS dismissed the litigation as of November 27th as they felt it was no longer in the best interest of AAWS and it had become too much of a distraction from our primary purpose.

During the two breakout sessions that occurred during the forum, I attended the A.A.W.S. workshop and a workshop on workshops. The A.A.W.S. workshop was led by the director of publishing who shared how the literature catalog is being redesigned, how ASL videos of the Big Book and 12&12 will be made available in January of 2018, and that new cover designs were developed for our pamphlets which will be implemented at next printings. He also shared about the process of translating our literature such as how it took three people meeting once per week for six years for the retranslation of the Big Book in Russian, and how a group of women in Ghana hand-crafted 1200 copies of the Big Book which had been translated in Twi. During the workshop on workshops, I got a great deal of ideas from other members about different workshops that were put on within their areas and districts. I look forward to passing this information on to our incoming District 11 workshop chair.

The next East Central Regional Forum will be held in July of 2019 in Detroit, MI. I hope that around that time, there will be others who are interested in having their own experience with attending a forum and growing in experience.

Secretary's Report: Mary C. Secretary, Alt Secretary OPEN

Please send written committee reports to secretary to be submitted into minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer Report: Carol H. Treasurer, Cheryl B. Alt T (absent)

**NOTHERN IL AREA 20 DISTRICT 11
Treasurer's Report
December 7, 2017**

September 2017 Statement of Activity		
	October 31, 2017 Balance Forward	6,607.40
Total Income:		466.00
Total Expense:		-940.88
	November 30, 2017 Ending Balance:	6,132.52
Less Prudent Reserve		-4,000.00
Available Funds		2,132.52

September 2017 Income		
7th Tradition November 2, 2017 District Meeting		
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<u>Group Name:</u>	<u>Group #</u>	
Design For Living Group	654091	117.00
Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	699065	120.00
Mens Priority Big Book Group	672942	99.00
Monday Night Priority Big Book Study	698268	30.00
Cary Wednesday Step Group	608430	100.00
	Total Income	466.00

September 2017 Expenses	
Answering Service: Answercall 24	181.99
ECR Forum: Kelly Botello (Hotel, parking and mileage)	372.54
ECR Forum: Laura Manaugh (Parking and mileage)	194.00
ECR Forum: Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL (Laura Manaugh and Carol Hubner)	178.54
HP: Instant Print	10.61
Treasurer: Walmart - batteries for mouse	3.20
	Total Expense
	940.88

Northern Illinois Area 20 District 11

Proposed 2018 Budget			
Committee	2017 Budget	Remaining 2017 Budget	Proposed 2018 Budget
Answering Service:	2,500.00	1,047.72	2500.00
Archives:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Corrections:	1,800.00	482.10	2,800.00
CPC:	400.00	400.00	400.00
District:	1,400.00	537.50	1,400.00
ECR: Formum	1,000.00	254.92	
Grapevine:	100.00	100.00	100.00
LCM:	400.00	400.00	400.00
Literature:	200.00	(198.83)	400.00
Newsletter:	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Public Information:	500.00	500.00	600.00
Schedules:	3,000.00	857.00	3,000.00
Special Needs:	200.00	200.00	200.00
Treatment:	1,900.00	1,643.50	1,800.00
Webmaster:	500.00	485.00	500.00
Workshop:	500.00	500.00	500.00
Totals:	15,500.00	8,308.91	14,700.00

Committee Reports:

Accessibility Report: Bob K Chair, Garry S. Alt chair

No Report

Answering Service Report: Dale H. (absent) Chair, Bill B. Alt Chair

We are looking to make some huge changes. We make this report every month with all of these statics and we never use our report and it seems unnecessary. Bill recommends that we stop running it. He recommends sending us a list of slots that are open for phone service.

Suggestion was made to add a contact number to the header of the answering service contact list.

Answering Service	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	TOTAL
District 11 November 20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Meeting Information	1		1		2				1	2			1	1			1					1	2		1		1				15
Open Meeting Info								1																							1
Speak AA Member				1	1			2			3	1		1			1				1	1	1			1					14
Meeting at Dole?																															0
Referred Another Dist	1			1		1																									3
Spanish Speaking																															0
Alano Club CLAC WAC;MAC;HAC																															0
Al-Anon																															1
Wants Schedule				1	1	2			3				1	3	1							2		2	1						17
Just Got out of Rehab																															0
Student Nurse																															0
Web-site					2																										2
Where send Contributions																															0
Hang Up/Will Call Back			1				1			1					1	1			1			1		1					1		9
Needs Ride																													1		1
Check in calls					1				1		1	1					1					1				2					8
TOTAL CALLS																															71
Call Response Times																															
0-10 Minutes -	1		1	1	2			2	3	1	2	1	1	1		2					1	1	1		2					23	
11-20 Minutes -				1				1			1											1							1		5
21-30 Minutes -																															0
Over 30 Minutes -																						1									1
Answer call Response	1		1	1	5	3	1		1	2	1	1		2	4	2	1		1			3		5	1	2			2		29
TOTAL CALLS																															35
Calls Per Day																															
Monday Day												1																			1
Monday Night						3																									3
Tuesday Day							1						3									2						1			7
Tuesday Night																															0
Wednesday Day	2							3						4								3						2		14	
Wednesday Night																						2									2
Thursday Day								4							2								1								7
Thursday Night																															0
Friday Day			2								3						3								5						13
Friday Night																															0
Saturday Day				3								4													1						8
Saturday Night																															0
Sunday Day					4							2						1							4						11
Sunday Night					3																										3
TOTAL																															69
Month																															
Date	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	M	T	W	TH	
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Answering Service																															
District 11 November 2017																															

Archives Report: Clarence J. (absent) Chair

CPC Report: Chair OPEN, Alt Chair OPEN

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Corrections Report: John B. Chair, Ryan C. Alt Chair

Devin is in transition and is doing a fantastic job. Our female volunteer list has increased and the male list is maintaining.

Grapevine Report: Erika O. (absent) Chair, Carrie W. Alt

Until the end of the year there is free shipping from the Grapevine website. There are some subscription giveaways at different meetings.

Literature: Guy R. Chair (absent), OPEN Alt Chair

LCM Report: Sid B. Temp Chair (absent), Alt Chair OPEN

Public Information Report: Emily B. Chair, Isidro B. Alt Chair

No report

Schedules Report: Esther M. (absent) Chair, OPEN Alt

Hospital & Treatment Report: Kevin K. Chair (absent), Nikki S. Alt chair (absent)

Webmaster: Sean T. Chair, Harry G. Alt

Sean is working on transitioning the role to Harry and staying as backup until a suitable replacement is found.

2018 Spring Conference Assembly Planning Committee

Carol – planning meeting is this Sunday in Greys Lake – the conference is March 26th. If you would like to travel to other districts to put the information out there.

GSR Report:

Dale – Jan 10th is the elections for the Soberfest. There are chair, co-chair and subcommittee openings.

Old Business:

Laura- Saturday we are hosting the Area Assembly.

New business:

Laura- Area inventory.

Kelly handed out the survey to be filled out and turned in by the Spring Assembly-You can fill it out individually or by your group. If you don't understand the question then note that. We are striving for communication. Your voice in A.A. matters. The area is looking for holes and issue and want to know what you say that we can improve. If you have any questions you can always ask me or someone else around here.

Open Mike:

Carol – New Year's Eve – three legacies group meets Sunday night at Faith Unity Church on 176 is having a potluck at 5:30 and a speaker, Matt S.

Open Positions

Treasurer Alt	Jan stood	Jan was voted in
Accessibilities Alt.		
CPC		
CPC Alt		
Literature Alt		
Public Information	Dale Stood	Dale was voted in
Public Information Alt		

The next district meeting is January 4, 2017 at 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church of Woodstock.